

BARFORD NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2016

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Price 50p where sold



Barford Village Market Saturday 17th September 10am to 12noon in the Village Hall.

We hope to be welcoming new producer

Andy Gill from Gill Pottery

An experienced potter who spent 26 years at Whichford Potteries before setting up on his own. Andy now produces pots of various shapes/sizes, all of fantastic quality at very reasonable prices.

You've all heard of Vicars and Tarts??

Well our vicar Annie will be raising funds for the Parable of Talents
Selling her delicious home-made savoury and sweet tarts

Joan will be bringing her beautifully gift wrapped chocolates.

Plus regulars

Paddocks Farm, with their lovely selection of sausages, burgers, bacon etc.
Also we have a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, bread, honey, dairy produce, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping papers, Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

Not forgetting the birds
we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts.

Plus Angus & Lucy's memorable Bacon butties / bacon & egg butties / breakfast butties!
Tea and coffee served all morning.

Customers numbers were very low at our last market (July) so please, come along and buy from our well stocked stalls and maybe have a cuppa and a butty with friends and support YOUR local market

All profits for Village Hall funds



A Change of Plan...

Due to Date difficulties

NO Messy Church in September

Many thanks for your continued support.

A new date will be advertised in the October Barford News

Contact – Sophie Holmes - 01869338184

1st Deddington Guide Report.

We completed the summer term with the ever popular stream walking. The evening was warm and still, the guides had a brilliant time (with lots of noise) getting thoroughly soaked and muddy, drinks afterwards went down well.



Twenty three guides, three senior guides and leaders came to our annual summer camp at Shutford. Our thanks to Mr & Mrs Taylor for allowing us, not only to camp on the farm, but also to use the beautiful pool, and full use of a straw strewn barn.

It was ideal to shelter in from the sun, wind and rain, (we had all three) it was handy to sleep in if required. The weather was fine enough for a good number of guides to sleep out in shelters they had built. This was quite an achievement, especially as it rained during the night.



The Guide County Pioneering team came out

and showed the guides how to make sizeable catapults, from poles with reliable knots, a contest then ensued, firing tea bags against each other.

One morning we rose at 4 am and hiked to a nearby hill, where we sat in a corn field and experienced the lovely golden glow as the sun came up, then it was back to camp for bacon butties.

The guides said they loved the range of activities and achievement, being with their friends and making new ones. They enjoyed the responsibility of working in groups to help in the running of the camp, for example, collecting wood and water, cooking over wood fires, and of course the food, the chocolate steamed pudding is always a firm favourite. An enjoyable time was had by all

Now we look forward to the next term, for fresh challenges and activities and of course fun.

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069

Marion Trinder. 01869340806

Catherine Blackburn Banbury

Andrew's Waste Walk

I made it up Snowdon, bin and all, along with lots of waste professionals to raise funds for Waste Aid UK. They are helping communities and governments manage their waste properly.

It took about 5 hours in total to make the 10 mile ascent, carrying the bin on my back all the way. The weather was good at the bottom, but clouded over, and we descended in the dark reaching the bottom at 11:15pm.



I managed to raise £830 so far, inc the generous folk in Barford and the walk in total raised over £6000. There is still time to sponsor if people wish, online at www.justgiving.com/AndrewsWasteWalk or by cheque made payable to Waste Aid UK and dropped off at Glynnis & Jeremy's at 10 Broad Close.

I was reliably informed by local guides it's the first time a wheelie bin has been to the top, let alone carried all the way!

Thanks for your help promoting it.

Andrew Jenkins



At the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee's two-day Conference, Andrew received the much-coveted accolade of 'Recycling Officer of the Year' for his work rolling out kerbside WEEE and battery collections in the North Oxfordshire district.

Andrew has also set up a community group working on recycling activities and sits on the WRAP Communications Advisory Panel.

200 Club results August draw

£15, 032, Christine Hall,

£10, 068, Audrey Smith

£5, 049, Ben Linsey

The draw took place at
A Cuppa Morning



Support for our Horton Hospital

Many of you might have heard about the proposals to downgrade facilities at the Horton. Among the areas under threat are: Consultant-led Maternity, Special Care Baby Unit, 24/7 Children's Ward, A&E, Orthopaedics and Critical Care Unit.

Please see the flyer insert in this edition of the BN to see how you can help. There is a petition against these proposals at

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/163428/>

Please act quickly, the fate of the Maternity Unit will be decided on the 31st August.

Quite a number of you will either know, or have seen my twins and I (Karen) around the village with our double trike. They were born 2 months early on Christmas Day 2013 at the Horton, Emmie was 3lb7 and Lewis 3lb12. Lewis struggled with his breathing and needed to be put on a ventilator. There was not enough staff at the JR and no room at Reading so he had to be transferred to Slough, without Emmie and I. It was horrific saying goodbye to him. After 2 days Lewis came back to the Horton and they both spent a month at the Special Care Baby Unit there.

My son has since been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, I dread to think what further brain damage he might have had if we hadn't been able to get to the Horton quickly, it's just a shame he had to be transferred so far away.



Thanks to the staff at the Horton and SCBU, they are both doing so well and Lewis has a bright future ahead with a really good support network around him. These services are essential to help save lives, it's as simple as that.

Karen
(Peter, Emmie and Lewis)

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Welcome

To new arrivals

Dan & Vicky Wolfe

With their children

Callum, Dan and Bella

and dog **Pie**

Recently arrived in

The Old Stables

We wish them all a happy time

living in our lovely village



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Enjoy a chilli supper

Hosted by our committee



Followed by a quiz.

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On Wednesday, 14th September

Visitors (£4) welcome to join us

In the Village Hall

At 7.30pm

BLOXHAM COUNTRY MARKET

Will be celebrating 50 years of trading

With a celebration cake

for our customers to share



Join us on

Friday 16th September

10am - 11.30am

In Bloxham Ex Servicemen's Hall

Our usual
Home-made cakes, preserves, cards etc.,
will also be on sale

Deddington Bookworms monthly book review

***A Street Cat Named Bob* by James**

Bowen describes the relationship between a homeless young man dependant on drugs and a cat he befriends, together they form a bond which helps the young man turn his life around and take steps in the right direction, aided by the big issue and drug rehabilitation programmes.

The group felt that the book was too padded, waffled a lot and was poorly edited. Whilst it was easy to read it failed to captivate the reader with too much repetition. However, the book did offer a unique insight into the workings of the Big Issue and the interaction of its sellers. It also explained the ways of coming off hard drugs and the use of methadone.

Overall the group scored the book 5.5/10 and would be unlikely to read the sequels – it wasn't as good as the hype!



Deddington Library
01869 338 391



RIDE & STRIDE 2016
In aid of
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 10th September
10am – 6pm

Help to Support our own Parish Church
If you want to
Walk, Cycle or Ride
Contact Anne Perry
For details
01869 338 033
Email whittacka@hotmail.com

The money is shared equally between the
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our
Barford churches.

The Trust has provided substantial funding for our
Barford churches over the years and will continue
to do so in the future.

Anne Perry

VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS EVERY THURSDAY



IN THE VILLAGE HALL

10.00 – 11.45

Just £1.00 per person
pays for your cuppa and as many refills
as you can drink.
Coffee, Caffeine free, Tea, Fruit teas available.

Biscuits, Cakes etc., included in the price
Come on Down to the hall and meet up with
friends and neighbours of all ages.
Babies and children welcome!!

News of forthcoming WI meetings

There's always something of interest happening on the second Wednesday of the month in the village hall. That's when the WI meet.

On September 14th enjoy a chilli supper and pit your wits against one another with our quiz.

In October our talk is entitled 'Blood, Bikers and Babies – saving lives since 1981'.

In November we'll be learning about our speaker's passion for pearls.

Then in December, with Christmas approaching, we'll be entertained by the Adderbury Ukes.

Visitors (£4) are always very welcome to our meetings. Come along at 7.30pm, we would love to see you.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Barford Calendar Photo Exhibition



On the 17th of September you will have the opportunity view all the entries for the first Barford Calendar photo competition.

**The photos will be on display
in St Michael's church
from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
on Saturday 17th**

Come along to cast your vote and view some wonderful images of the villages. If you haven't already entered you still can before the end of August!

Don't forget to bring some money with you as we have a novel way of casting your vote!

'JUST PLANTS'
NURSERIES

3 for £5

END OF SUMMER SALE!

Unusual Varieties

Big Reductions

Ferns

Grasses

Rockery

Shrubs

Herbs

Perennials

Climbers

And More ...

**SAT 3rd & SUN 4th
SEPTEMBER 2016**

11am - 5pm

at
'THE CLOSE'
SOUTH NEWINGTON

Deddington Cricket Club - Groundsman

The Club is looking for someone interested in the role of groundsman to maintain the excellent condition of our cricket square at the Windmill Centre, Deddington.

The position is ideally suited to someone with a love of cricket and the local community, and in gardening or lawn maintenance, and who has the ability to co-ordinate the work required on the square in both the off-season and over the summer months when matches are being played.

Previous experience, while ideal, is not essential. What is more important is an interest in and commitment to the role. The Club is willing to provide and fund any necessary training, as well as having all equipment and materials necessary for pitch preparation and maintenance.

With pitch preparation it is a case of little and often, so proximity to the ground and flexibility in terms of when and how much time you are able to commit to the job is important. You will be supported by the Club committee and members with the necessary tasks, but you would be the person in charge, so good communication and organisational skills are necessary.

Depending on experience and level of time commitment you are willing to give to the role, the Club would consider appropriate recompense if required.

Anyone interested should contact Simon Oldfield on 07771 997358, 01295 812305 or simon.oldfield0@gmail.com.



Mobile Library

On Monday 5th September the mobile library will be visiting Barford for the last time as the service is being axed.

I first visited the library van in the 1970s with young toddlers, and at the time there were many stay at home Mums without cars so the library van was a great meeting point where there would often be lots of small children sitting on the floor of the van looking at picture books. As a family of 5 we were allowed 25 books and getting home with bags full of wonderful treasures was a highlight of the week.

When I returned to full time work we switched to Deddington library but then on retirement it was a delight to come back to the library van. Trawling through Kindle titles on the internet is all very well but doesn't compare to choosing books off a shelf and flicking through the pages so we will be heading back to the library in Deddington because the thought of not having a pile of library books in the house is unthinkable.

I will be sending a thank you card so if anyone wants to add their name please let me know.

carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Deddington Farmers Market

SWEETCORN

This is the 16th Anniversary of the founding of Deddington Farmers Market – so the volunteers who run it will be raising a glass to the founders at their annual dinner on Saturday night (new volunteers always needed).



To celebrate, the Deddington Brass Band will be playing at the market.

It's also one of the best markets of the year for local produce. But rather than list all the delights on offer I'm going to focus on just one – sweetcorn. Using my own garden as a guide, it looks like a good year. And when sweetcorn is in season there tends to be a lot of it. So the appeal of simple roasted or boiled cobs can start to fade.

This recipe (which comes from Sarah Raven's Garden Cookbook) makes a nice change (and, whisper who dares, works quite well with tinned or frozen corn too).

SWEETCORN BLINIS

serves 6

100g ricotta cheese

2 eggs, beaten

Kernels for 2 corn cobs, removed with a sharp knife (or 250g if using frozen or tinned)

50g self-raising flour, sieved

1 red chilli, finely chopped (optional)

2 good handfuls of chopped coriander

Salt and black pepper

Butter or olive oil, for frying

Put the ricotta into a bowl with the eggs, corn, flour, chilli, coriander, salt and pepper. Mix well and leave to stand for 15-20 minutes.

Melt the butter or oil in a heavy based pan and when it's hot, add a spoonful of the mixture to the pan. Turn when the blinis are browned and cook the other side. Try not to eat blinis faster than you can cook them.

The blinis go well with smoked fish, caviar, sour cream or a blob of Chilli jam.

I'd be tempted to serve frozen vodka with them.

For more up to date information about the Market you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk, listen to Deddington On Air www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford.

The Market is on Saturday 24th September from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 18.00-20.00. And, of course, Your own Barford Market on the third Saturday of each month.

IAN WILLOX, 337 940

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Deddington Ladies Netball Club

We've had lots of new members join recently which is great for the club and means we have a fantastic range of abilities, ages and experience, allowing everyone to get a good game. If you would like to join us, we meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at the Windmill Centre allweather pitch, £3 per session. Everyone is welcome. We still have a damaged netball post so if anyone knows of or can donate any second-hand netball equipment, please get in touch. Also, we would really benefit from a regular – or ad hoc – coach or umpire. Please do get in contact if you can help.

Visit our Facebook page, Deddington Ladies Netball Club.

Suzie Upson

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Deddington C of E Primary School

We are back with lots of school news. Sometimes our news will be historical and occasionally we will let you know about events coming up that you might be interested in attending.

Terms 5 and 6 are always so busy with lots of sport, visits and of course goodbyes.

In May Years 2 and 6 had to sit the dreaded SATs and, having worked hard in the build-up, everyone tried their very best. We are extremely proud of them all.

Year 4 did us proud on their short residential visit to Grendon, where everyone enjoyed many outdoor challenges.

Year 6 had a successful week's residential visit to Yenworthy Lodge in Devon. The weather was very mean with snow, hail and rain, whilst everyone tried lots of different activities such as rock climbing, orienteering and surfing. One and all challenged themselves and experienced a trip they will remember forever.

The whole school appreciated a picnic lunch to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in June and also our sports afternoon where everyone earned house points for Daeda's Wood, Castle Grounds, Barford Green or Snake Hill.

Our school values are really put into practise when we take part in sport.

Before we said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, as they move on to secondary school, many will have enjoyed performing in CATS, our musical production for this year.

Finally we said goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Fane who was leaving. We wish her lots of luck in her new school.

Anne Hunsley, HLTA

Preserves and Produce for Polly

Yes Banbury's saint still feeds and cares for the Homeless and the Lost, in St Mary's churchyard every evening. She operates with her own resources and any donations that come in.

PLEASE HELP by supporting a sale being organised in Duns Tew Village Hall
3rd Sept. 10.30 – 12.30.

We need preserves and surplus home produce and of course, folk to come along and buy.

Jen will collect items from Barford on Friday 2nd Sept p.m.

Please contact Jen if you have donations
01295 722600

Who is Polly?

Polly has spent the past 26 years feeding the homeless and dispossessed of Banbury.

Each and every evening at 6pm, Polly packs meals, sandwiches, fruit and cake into a wheeled shopping trolley and takes the bus down to St Mary's Church in Banbury. There she feeds the homeless and needy, who otherwise may not eat at all.

Come rain or shine, she makes sure these less fortunate people get something decent to eat. She doesn't like the spotlight and is very modest; she just wants to help them.

Polly is there whatever the weather, 365 days a year – including Christmas Day.

She sees herself as a halfway house and tries to encourage people to return to a more conventional life. She acts as a stepping stone in their time of need – not only does she feed them, but she also listens to their problems and helps wherever she can.

Polly is a very resourceful, caring and devoted person, but she is also very private and unwilling to seek publicity. She feels what she does is simply God's calling, and she does not do it for fame and glory so thinks it wrong to "tell everyone".

On the other hand, like most of us, Polly does not have a bottomless pit of money; so please help us to help Polly.

Deddington Library

Our author Event with Joanna Rossiter and Linda Newbery at the beginning of July was a lovely evening, lively and informative. Both guests



worked incredibly well together and questioned each other within the discussion too, which was a novel and interesting presentation... especially as they'd only met for coffee at 3pm that same afternoon! Thanks to all those for attending and helping to support this event, it was much enjoyed and raised some much needed funds too!

The Summer Reading Challenge 'The Big Friendly Read' has gone really well this summer; the children have very much enjoyed the theme based around Roald Dahls books. The challenge to read 6 books over the Summer ends on Saturday 17th September so hurry and get your books finished to collect your medals and certificates!

The Adult reading challenge, A Midsummer Night's Read has also been very well received. Please submit your entries to the library by Saturday 10th September to be in with a chance of winning one of many great prizes!

We had a really well attended 'Big Friendly Read' Storytime in August, the children loved listening to Roald Dahl stories and making their own BFG dream catchers!

Rhyme times re-commence on Monday 5th September at 2.30pm, we are so fortunate to now have enough volunteers to run this event EVERY WEEK! So do please come along and support this fun activity with for under 5's and families!

As you will see, our Book Worms are going from strength to strength and are now sending their own review in the clubs section! I hope you enjoy reading the reviews and if you'd like to join the group, we have a couple of spaces available.

September sadly sees the end of the Mobile Library service in Oxfordshire, however, a new Home Library Service has been set up to support people in rural communities and those unable to get to a branch library to use our service. We have a band of volunteers who are DBS checked, trained, ready and willing to deliver books to housebound, elderly and even those temporarily indisposed through accident or illness. Do please contact the library for more information or if you know of anyone in our community and surrounding villages, who would benefit from this service. We are here to help and happy to do so!! Do please get in touch!

Stella O'Neill
Manager, Deddington Library
01869 338 391

Deddington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Down on the farm

Few sights are so satisfying to a farmer as barns full of grain and straw. Harvest is the culmination of a year's work, and this August provided enough sunshine to get most of it completed. We still have field beans and linseed to harvest before we turn round and start planting next year's crops.

Since I last put quill to parchment Brexit has come and gone and, to the relief of a larger slice of the population, we are out.

I was slightly surprised to see that 60 percent of farmers voted 'out'. Surprised, because I had thought that the potential loss of farm subsidy payments may have tempted the X to be put in the 'remain' box.

It seems that I may not be alone in thinking that this may be our opportunity to kick the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) into touch. It could enable us to get on with some proper farming unfettered by decisions made by non-farming bureaucrats whose policies and handouts have resulted in a profitless industry beset by surpluses.

As I understand it we will have subsidy payments of a sort until 2020 which provides a breathing space to think about what happens next. My fear is that after that date we shall be saddled with payments linked solely to environmental and conservation issues at the expense of farming. Already our new agriculture minister has told us that sheep should not be grazing upland pastures which should instead be populated entirely by butterflies!

I have nothing against conservation; on the contrary we and most other farmers have been involved in many projects ranging from wetland reinstatement, tree and hedge planting, lapwing trials and a host of other worthwhile endeavours over the years. But commonsense dictates that farming (food production) and the environment goes hand in hand – as it has for centuries. Upland sheep grazing is just one example.

For my money post 2020 should see the return of the deficiency payment scheme, at least for a limited period to help to wean agriculture off a subsidy system altogether.

The old deficiency payments were simple: if the deficiency payment for a 20 kg fat lamb was set at £40 and the animal made £38 the seller got £2 from the government. If it made more than £40 he got nothing. Simple, effective and a good sight cheaper than handing out vast sums in acreage payments every year that only really benefit the big owner occupier farms and landlords of tenanted holdings

They in turn have tended to bury the payments in more land to avoid tax which has seen a savage decline in the number of smaller farms and an increase in prairie farming with its endless stretches of combinable crops. The past decade alone has seen the demise of over 25 per cent of UK farms according to Ministry figures.

Most of these would have been in the small to middle acreage band which explains why the average UK farm size has grown from 40 to almost 150 acres in the past half century. The loss of these

holdings with their smaller fields, hedges and predominantly grassland farming systems has probably had a significant impact on the environment.

A return to the small family farm such as our own would be great for the environment and also give aspiring young farmers an entry point but unfortunately, with present costs and returns, it would lack sufficient scale for profitability.

Of course there always has been an east/west divide in terms of farm size. As an example I like the old story about the Lincolnshire farmers' group that visited farms in Devon.

During the course of one visit a large acreage East Coast farmer asked his Devonshire host how big his farm was.

"Tis almost 50 acres," he replied proudly, adding: "And how big is your place then?"

Somewhat embarrassed because he had numerous fields that were larger than 50 acres the Lincolnshire man took to subterfuge. "Well", he said, "if I got my tractor out early in the morning to drive round my farm it would probably be dark before I got home".

The Devonshire farmer looked at his guest with some sympathy.

"I knows exactly what you mean," he said. "I used to have an old tractor just like that."

Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm

A Little History of Our Village Show

1926

As our Village Show has just taken place, I thought it would be interesting to have some details of how it all began..

The first meeting of the South Newington, Barford and Wigginton Flower Show was held on 20th October 1926.

The committee of 24 was formed with 8 men from each village, when the rules and regulations of the society were discussed and agreed,

Later the details of the tombola prizes for the first show were discussed and it was agreed that 30 prizes these should be bought using £7.10.0 from funds, with committee members providing some too. these included:-

Ladies wrist watch	A pound note
A ten shilling note	1lb Tea
50 Cigars	1lb toffee
2 doz eggs	6 Silver spoons
3 prizes of a ten shilling notes	A Dunhill pipe
Dunhill cigarette holder	Fountain pen
2 prizes of 50 Cigarettes	A Cruet stand
An acetylene Cycle lamp	

At a time when there were 240d = £1

Parking charges were Motor Cars 1/- (12d) Motor Cycles 6d, Push Bikes 2d

Refreshments at subsequent shows were:-

Cup of tea 1d
1 Slice of bread & butter 1d
1 Fancy cake 1d
1 Sandwich or Sausage Roll 2d
Small lemonade 1d
Large lemonade 2d

How times have changed!! Ed.

VILLAGE SHOW 2016 - RESULTS

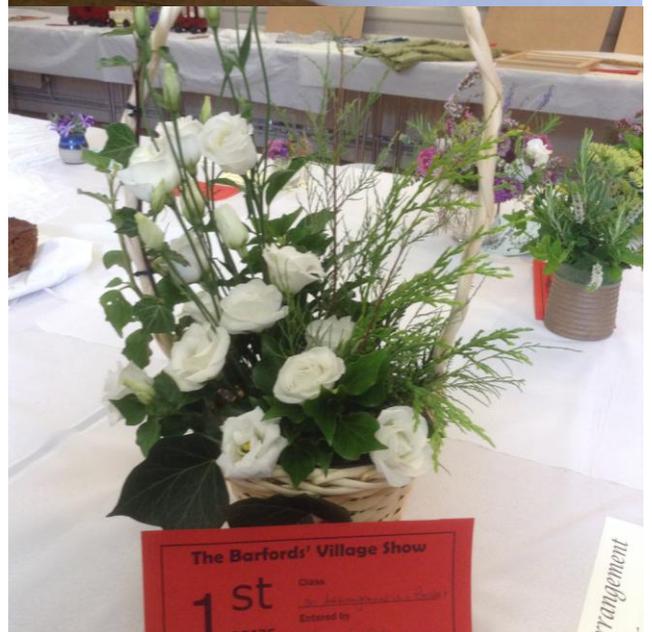
Vegetables & Fruit	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Cup Winners	
Three beetroot	Jack & Adam Styles	Derek Styles	Mike Boyd	Vegetable & Fruit Classes Mike Boyd Allotment Cup 1st Jeff Elliott 2nd Steve & Chris Cod 3rd Sally Williams & Trish Field	
Three carrots	Jess Romain	Mike Boyd			
Three Courgettes	Cathy Alsworth	Linda Newbery	Mike Boyd		
Three Onions	Basil Butler	Mike Boyd	Bernard Lane		
Five Shallots	Mike Boyd	Mariann Young	Angus Norman		
Three potatoes	Linda Newbery	Mike Boyd			
Three Runner beans	Mike Boyd	Carol Hopkins	Jack & Adam Styles		
Five French beans	Mike Boyd	Maggie Eden	Mariann Young		
Five cherry toms	Carol Hopkins	Cathy Alsworth	Mariann Young		
Three round toms	Basil Butler	Mariann Young	Carol Hopkins		
Three chillies	Linda Newbery	Carol Hopkins			
Pair of vegetables	Basil Butler	Mariann Young			
Five assorted veg	Mariann Young	Mike Boyd	Linda Newbery		
Longest Runner Bean	Mike Boyd	Jack & Adam Styles	Jess Romain		
Three Apples	Tony Collier	Bernard Lane	Anne Linsey		
Soft /stoned Fruit	Carol Hopkins	Basil Butler	Angus Norman		
Marrow	Maggie Eden	Basil Butler			
3 Eggs	Mike Boyd	Mariann Young	Mary Brodey		
Cookery					Cookery & Preserves Carol Hopkins
Cherry Cake	Carol Hopkins				
Four cup cakes	Carol Hopkins				
Six brownies	Basil Butler				
Victoria Sponge	Sheila Taylor	Jill Hopcraft			
Bread					
Men Only cake	Basil Butler	Angus Norman	Pete Hopkins		
Jam	Christine Hall	Lucy Norman	Hazel Neal		
Marmalade	Carol Hopkins	Jess Romain	Christine Hall		
Jelly	Sarah Best	Ann Beesley			
Chutney	Ann Beesley	Sheila Taylor	Hazel Neal		
Lemon Curd	Ann Beesley	Jean Statt			
Flower Arranging				Flower Arranging Anne Linsey	
Basket arr.	Anne Linsey				
Herb arr.	Anne Linsey	Sarah Best	Linda Newbery		
Miniature	Sarah Best	Linda Newbery	Ann Beesley		
Patriotic arr.	No Entries				
Cut Flowers				Cut Flowers Carol Hopkins Photography Tony Collier	
Single gladiolus	Basil Butler	Pete Eden	Cathy Alsworth		
Sunflower	Pete Eden				
Dahlias	Sarah Best	Maggie Eden	Mike Boyd		
Roses	Carol Hopkins	Jess Romain			
Fuchsia heads	Carol Hopkins	Jess Romain			
Pelargoniums	Linda Newbery	Jess Romain			
Sweet peas	Stephanie Collief	Pete Eden	Bernard Lane		
Mixed flowers	Carol Hopkins	Pete Eden	Jill Boyd		
CRAFTS				Crafts Christine Hall	
Toy	Less hall	Christine Hall			
Jewellery	No Entries				
Knitted/crocheted	Jill Hopcraft	Christine Hall	Carol Hopkins		
Needlecraft	Cathy Alsworth	Christine Hall	Ann Beesley		
You made it	Christine Hall	Mike Boyd		W.I Cup Carol Hopkins	
Drawing/painting	Christine Hall	Emma Brodey	Jess Romain		
Photo my pet	Brian Dodwell	Ann Beesley	Stephanie Collier	Victor Ludorum Carol Hopkins	
" Garden bee	Tony Collier	Tessa Dodwell			
" Raindrops	Ellie Dodwell				
" A Rose	Tony Collier	Stephanie Collier	Barney Neal	Junior Cup Jack & Adam Styles Most Entries Ellie Dodwell Most Points Ellie Dodwell & Ben Linsey	
Age 7 and under					
Colouring	Jack Styles	Jonathan Linsey	Adam Styles		
Iced biscuit	Jonathan Linsey				
Paper plate	Adam Styles				
Painted stone	Jack Styles	Jonathan Linsey			
You made it	No Entries				
8 – 15 years old					
A photo any subject	Ellie Dodwell	Barney Neal			
Gift wrapped parcel	Ben Linsey				
2050 vehicle design	No Entries				
Drawing/painting	Ellie Dodwell	Ben Linsey			
You made it	Ben Linsey	Ellie Dodwell			



Cup Winners: Christine Hall, Mike Boyd, Carol Hopkins, Jeff Elliott, Tony Collier, Anne Linsey. Ellie Dodwell, Ben Linsey, Jack & Adam Styles







Shepherds & Bakehouse Charity
Barford St John and St Michael
Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually, at the Trustee's discretion, to young people attending College or University or undertaking an apprenticeship. The Trustees can be flexible when considering applications, including students taking A levels. There is a maximum limit awarded.

In order to qualify, applicants should be under 25 years of age and they or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your written application:-

- 1) Your full name, age and address in Barford and state how long you have lived here.
- 2) Name and address of the College or University where you are planning to study.
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you are studying for, including length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to:

Carole Coppin
Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust
Barn Elms, The Green
Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN

carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Applications must be received by 30th September.



Barford Carpet Bowls Club

Open Evening

Tuesday 6th September 2016

At 7.00pm for 7.15pm

At Barford Village Hall

Please come along to our Open Evening and see what a fun and social evening you can have from September to March every Tuesday.

All ages welcome from young to not so young!

Our regular bowls club restarts on

Tuesday 13th September.

The Carpet Bowls Committee

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The month of July brought us thirty-one call outs which is not as many as last month with a record of thirty-five. I think this is due to the new mobilising system introduced last year. It wasn't so long ago that I was reporting that thirty call outs would have been considered a very busy month.



This month Deddington has attended a flooding coming from a block of flats in Banbury. The tenant was out and the water was pouring through the ceiling flooding the office of a taxi call centre below. Luckily for the tenant they had left a window open so we did not have to force an entry to their property. The crew pitched a ladder to the first floor so that we could investigate the cause of the flood. To my surprise the flat was completely dry so finding the cause of the leak was going to be problematic. The crew discovered the stopcocks for the block of flats and turned off the water to the flat. Alas this did not stop the leak. What was more baffling was the numbered stopcocks did not correspond to flat numbers. Closer inspection revealed that stopcock 6 turned off the water to flat 13! Sometimes the emergency services are criticised for not responding quickly to what seems to be straight forward and obvious. I can assure you that the experience and training that goes into being a competent fire fighter makes you a totally different person. You assume nothing and will gather every scrap of information possible so that the decisions that are made are the correct ones. This was a very small incident for us but still took several hours. The cause was a broken pipe set in the concrete floor.

A more unusual call was to a fire in the open discovered in the middle of the night by some people wandering around a small wood Pokémon hunting. The fire was in a tree and the cause for this was never known. The most serious call was to a crash on the M40. A van had left the motorway and completely snapped a pylon carrying high voltage cables. Thankfully the three people in the van were rescued and walked away with no injuries. It is worth reminding people that if they are ever involved in an accident of this type they should stay in their vehicle and wait to be rescued. You cannot be electrocuted in a car even if it becomes electrified. Other calls attended were collisions on the M40, a house fire in Banbury, a fire in an

industrial unit, a caravan fire and large animal rescue.

Training is always on going and this month has seen us doing more water training exercise at the old mill at Barford St John. The drill was the same as last month but now with a crew of 15 it is better to split the crew down to six to make it more realistic. I would like to reiterate our thanks to Farmer Mark Lovell at Manor Farm who allowed us to use his land for the exercise. There has also been breathing apparatus drills at Deddington and Banbury. All the crew at Deddington are breathing apparatus trained and are competent but like passing your driving test there is a huge gap between being competent and confident especially when under pressure. So we drill them and try to put them under real pressure to expose weaknesses that can be worked on to make them confident at real incidents.

Fire Fighter Tom Hall and Adrian Spilsbury have been driving the fire engine back from incidents and to and from standbys to other stations. Like I was saying earlier it takes a long time to be confident and they will spend many hours driving at normal road speeds before they can do the emergency response course. They are both doing a great job of driving the appliance and will develop into very good emergency response drivers.

Now that the schools have ended and having the kids at home for the summer holidays it is a good time to ask them what they would do if a fire breaks out at home and what to do if a smoke alarm activates. You may be surprised at how much they know. If you would like to find more information you can do so at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Crew Manager Tim Parker Deddington Fire Station

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I EXPECT you will remember the weather in mid-July was rather moderate, temperatures being in the high teens, although several nights in fact, were in single figures. There were also gusty, prolonged showers, but the westerly winds held sway, and the 14th and 15th were warmer (up to 24°) with strong sun passing between large cloud billows. I noted at the end of last *Nature Notes* that we were having good summer weather and 'may it last long!'

On the 16th, farmers were desperately cutting a very late hay crop, spoiled by the cold and wet of June. Hopefully, there will still be some nourishment in the crop, even though the top looked brown and spoiled.

Local Red Kites were eagerly following the hay-making process, snatching small rodents and larger beetles (and young rabbits) as they ran from the machinery. At this time, exotic looking Scarlet Tiger moths, could be seen flying around shrubberies, hedgerows and gardens in broad daylight, newly emerged from their cocoons in or near their caterpillars' food plant (Borage). The forewings of these quite large moths are very black, but sparsely laced with white 'geometric' shapes. It is only when these forewings are opened that the blazing brilliance of the scarlet hind wings is revealed (the scarlet is balanced by black marks). Stunning insects!

The 17th was a weather repeat of the previous day. The Kites continued to search mown and turned meadows; Bas Butler recorded a female Raven croaking over St Michael; and well grown Fox cubs seemed to appear everywhere – even in daylight! Unfortunately, in their inexperience of cars and lorries, many became roadkill victims of speeding traffic.

From 24° on the 17th, the temperature soared to 30°, (86°F) on the 18th – difficult to cope with given the figures in the 'teens and low twenties of recent weeks. With a light breeze, rather humid and under day-long sun, Nature was virtually silent and inactive.

On the 19th, under a humid, variable and gusty SE breeze, a searing sun now took the temperature to 33°, (92°F). With streets and gardens empty of villagers, the world seemed to stand still. I think most of us were shocked by the heat!

The 20th was another hot day, but slightly less so at 27°. The Kites, now having deserted the bare hayfields on Steepness, were replaced by an emaciated male Kestrel, sitting on the electricity wires, watching intently for any movement that could be food, in the short, dry grass.

Early morning sun on the 21st shone through thin, high level ice-cloud. A single Buzzard soared to a great height over St. Michael, and 'my' House Martins appeared to have made a new start in their nest. However, the high temperatures were falling away and by the 25th had returned to 22° to 23°. Oh, blessed relief! (Sorry, Sun-lovers).

A moderate overcast on the 22nd slowly broke, allowing sunshine through large cloud formations, producing a much hotter afternoon than expected

(26°). Right outside my house, two Buzzards made prolonged and ineffective attempts to soar together, yelping frequently. In the end, they flopped off disgruntled, into the trees – despite being heavily coloured, I'm pretty sure they were the youngsters of our local pair.

Hot sticky and humid, the 23rd having achieved 27°, faded on an angry sunset followed by a similarly unpleasant night

Apart from a Blackbird feeding a newly hatched brood nearby, practically all Nature remained still and silent. However, conditions were changing, and hot afternoon sun on the 24th, sank behind showery rain from late afternoon onward.

The final week of July returned to the temperatures which we were used to (20° to 23°) with nights around 13°. On the 26th, I at last noticed very small specimens of the 'teardrop' spiders (*Pisaura mirabilis*) in my wild patch and, here and there, early webs of the plump, Cross-decorated garden spider *Araneas diadematus*.

During the afternoon of the same day, one of those almost-fully-developed Fox cubs raced across the A4260 rush-hour traffic, outside Deddington Fire Station. The cub sped right in front of me. Sheer luck and speed got it across in front of the opposite direction traffic, but it stopped short on the grass verge, turned for a few seconds, watching the traffic, its tongue lolling out, then trotted off through the hedge!

On a morning of light drizzle, hot sun on the 28th brought four magnificent, freshly emerged Red Admirals and two Small Tortoiseshells onto my flowering Buddleia. How beautiful they are! Meadow Browns were quite plentiful and Gatekeepers were coming on the wing along my hedges. And, of course, the Whites, Large, Small and Green-veined, were all present.

There were reports of a "White Heron" in the Swere meadows. To my knowledge, albino Herons are unknown, and from the description given, plus the habitat occupied, I would suggest this was a Great White Egret. They do, at the moment, occur locally occasionally, and are very much Heron-shaped, when standing and in flight. (Not to be confused with the Small White Egret which is now fairly frequent in watery environments in Oxfordshire.

Over the last days of the month, the weather had been changeable and, despite the temperatures, the SW wind was strangely cool. I saw only one freshly emerged Comma butterfly; Small Tortoiseshells were very few and, as yet, I had seen no Peacock butterflies at all.

Anyway, to end July on a lighter note, there was a small flock of Linnets, making their twittery contact calls along Barley Lane, plus a breeding pair of Yellow Hammers. And so the month ended in a satisfying way, with Nature in a rather better condition than at its opening. It faded away on a warm, but rather dull day, and under a night of heavy cloud at 15°.

August opened as a large Low Pressure system was moving eastward across Scotland and, as usual, we felt its effects right down here. The 1st was quite bright, despite general cloud cover, and was virtually windless (W). An afternoon of spotting rain became steady, light, general rain, on into evening, although the Blackbird continued feeding his late clutch off my lawn all day. Next day this drizzle and rain alternated until mid-day, but the afternoon, despite heavy storm clouds on a westerly wind, was dry! For most of this first week, the westerly wind persisted, with day temperatures between 20° and 24°. Nights were in the low 'teens, except the 5th and 7th, which were a chilly 8° and 9° respectively – a week of variable weather. Where wildlife was concerned, this was another very inactive week. Despite wandering around, I only noted (on the 4th) a small gathering of Long-tailed Tits foraging my garden shrubs, and a Buzzard calling from Hempton Hills. Then, on the 5th, I noted at the south end of Barley Lane, another party of Long-tailed Tits and also a family of Bullfinches. Here also there was a good flight of butterflies including Whites, Browns, Red Admirals and Small Tortoiseshells. Naturally, these also occurred on my garden Buddleia, etc. where the Small Tortoiseshells had increased, and three Peacocks had now appeared.

By the second week in August, the absence of birds in our gardens was pronounced. A very cold springtime, with almost no natural foods, was full of fatally chilled egg clutches or starved nestlings. These were eventually followed by replacement clutches from surviving adult pairs; but these, almost invariably, have reduced egg numbers, and are particularly exhausting to naturally single brooded birds, such as Tits. These awful problems had caused most birds to retire undercover to try and feed up in order to put on fat and flesh, to recover from raising families, and to start shedding feathers for the thicker plumages of autumn and winter.

During this second week, both Blackbirds were now feeding their nest of youngsters, by foraging my lawns. The wind, although mainly in a westerly quarter, remained cool, day temperatures still between 18.5° and 23°, with nights in the low 'teens. Cloud was variable, but quite extensive, and there were showers on the 8th and the 11th. The exception was the 12th, which produced a lovely warm day with very light cloud.

The Red Admirals and Small Tortoiseshells had disappeared from my Buddleia and their places taken by recently emerged Peacocks and bright yellow Brimstones.

On the 13th, a warm, humid day despite a high WSW breeze, Bas spotted an adult Little Owl at the Warren (which had not been seen for a long time) and also a Kite circling aimlessly over St. Michael.

In contrast, the 14th was overcast, cool and virtually windless, as these light airs had turned to ENE. At about midnight, as I drove down Hempton Hills, I luckily spotted a Roe buck standing on the

verge on my side of the road. I slowed immediately and the deer, completely unphased by my car, watched me pass no more than 1.5m away from him! I was astounded at the Roe's composure. I had expected it to panic, rushing across in front of me! It didn't. Phew!

Now, as I close these *Notes* on the 15th, the Blackbirds have deserted my lawn so I imagine the young have flown, and I'm left with the familiar sound of a Buzzard mewing on Steepness!

Let's hope for a warm, settled latter half of August and well into September, to help Nature's recovery.

Ron Knight

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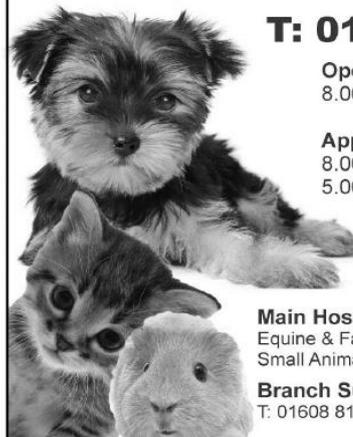


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14th W.I. Chilli Supper
15th BGGC visit to Sezincote
16th Bloxham Market celebrate 50 years
17th Village Market
17th Barford Calendar Photo Exhibition
17th Events at SOFO
October
22nd Barford Picture House 'Lady In The Van'

Volunteer Connect
Community Transport Scheme
Taking passengers of all ages, to medical appointments, social events, shopping trips and visits to day centres, clubs, relatives etc.
The price is 45p per mile to cover the cost of petrol.
Call us on 0300 3030 125 or email transport@volunteerconnect.org.uk

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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. There is a ten minute space for public participation.

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